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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (DOWNGRADING INSTUCTIONS (GDS VICE N/A))

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RO

SUBJECT: RFE COVERAGE OF CEAUSESCU VISIT TO U.S.

REF: BUCHAREST 4631

1) IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL RFE HAS GONE THROUGH TAPES OF ENTIRE COVER OF CEAUSESCU U.S. VISIT BROADCAST BY ITS ROMANIAN DIVISION. THIS REVIEW, STATION STATES, HAS CONFIRMED THAT IT IN NO BROADCAST SPECULATED THAT CEAUSESCU CUT HIS VISIT SHORT BECUASE OF FAILURE TO OBTAIN WHAT HE WANTED IN ECONOMIC FIELD. STATION SPECULATED ON REASONS FOR SHORTENED VISIT IN ONLY ONE PROGRAM, IN WHICH IT SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT CEAUSESCU MIGHT NOT HAVE WISHED TO ATTEND UN ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY BECAUSE OF DEMONSTRATIONS THAT WERE PLANNED (AND THAT TOOK PLACE) ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT STATION SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW REASON.

2) IN ITS REGULAR NEWS REPORTS RFE DID QUOTE SPECULATION IN WESTERN PRESS OVER SHORTENED VISIT, WITH CLEAR ATTRIBUTION TO NEWSPAPERS CONCERNED. THIS IS STANDARD RFE PRACTICE, SINCE IT BELIEVES THAT WHAT MAJOR WESTERN MEDIA HAVE TO SAY ABOUT COUNTRY TO WHICH IT BROADCASTS IS IN FACT WORTH REPORTING. THIS MAY, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN WHAT EMBASSY SOURCES HEARD, SINCE RADIO LISTERNERS COULD EASILY HAVE REMEMBERED SUBSTANCE OF BROADCAST WHILE HAVING FORGOTTEN SOURCES CITED.

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3) RFE COVERAGE OF VISIT WAS DONE ON SPOT IN US AND EXCEPT FOR ONE PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN TRANSCRIBED FROM TAPE. THE ONE TRANSCRIBED PROGRAM WAS WRAP-UP IN WHICH STATION CONCLUDED THAT VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL FROM BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POINTS OF VIEW, EVEN THOUGH ROMANIA DID NOT OBTAIN MFN (FOR REASONS WHICH WENT BEYOND US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS AND HAD TO DO WITH SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE AS A WHOLE). SCRIPT, WHICH WAS QUITE POSITIVE IN TREATMENT OF VISIT, WAS POUCHED BUCHAREST DECEMBER 21. OTHERS WILL BE POUCHED IF AND AS THEY ARE TRANSCRIBED, BUT THIS WILL NOT BE UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAYS.

4) WE NOTE FROM REFTTEL THAT SHORTENING OF VISIT HAD BEEN DECIDED AT BEGINNING OF TRIP. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL INFORMATION TO PASS ON TO RFE. VALDES

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